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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 11, amend claims 7 and 15.

1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A protector pad for use with a piece of
5 furniture with legs, said pad comprising a generally flat body with two
opposite pad faces:

- a lower pad face (22) which is soft, destined to slide against delicate
surfaces without scratching them and,
- an upper pad face (26) destined to be fixed to the bottom of said leg
10 (28) of said piece of furniture, said flat body being constituted of two
pieces: a base (32) and a sole (34); said base comprising a fabric (38)
with a superior face forming said upper pad face and an inferior face (36)
comprising first means for assembly; said sole comprising a lower layer
(46) whose inferior face ~~forms~~ defines said lower pad face (22), a central
15 layer (48) comprising a reinforced material (48) and an upper layer (42)
with a superior face (43) comprising second means for assembly to
assemble said sole (34) to said base (32), wherein said first means for
assembly comprise a plurality of grabbing member hooks (36) each
member hook providing a shear resistance in all directions, said
20 reinforced material (48) in said central layer comprising a felt
impregnated by a hardened material coming from a group comprising an
injected latex.

8. (Original) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said second means of
assembly (42) comprise fibers forming arches (44).

25 9. (Previously presented) The protector pad of claim 8 wherein the
material of said upper layer (42) of said sole (34) comprises a felt the
fibers thereof forming said arches.

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10. (Original) The protector pad of claim 9 wherein said felt comprises materials from a group comprising polyester and natural fibers.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously presented) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said 5 superior layer (42) and inferior (46) layers are made of felt material.
13. (Original) The protector pad of claim 12 wherein said felt material consists either of polyester or natural fibers.
14. (Previously presented) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said reinforced material is hardened felt.
- 10 15. (Currently amended) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said grabbing member hooks (36) providing a high shear resistance are of have a mushroom shape of a height shorter than a corresponding height of a J shape hook (58).